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SUBJECT: 1976/77 LECTURER PROGRAM

REF: A. MOSCOW 17366 B. MOSCOW 18667

1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT MHE HAS ACCEPTED U.S. LECTURER NOMINEES (REF B), BUT ARE CONCERNED THAT IT IS PRESCRIBING LECTURE TERMS OF LESS THAN THE FULL ACADEMIC PERIOD CALLED FOR IN THE NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT LANGUAGE INSERTED IN PARA 3A OF THE NEW PROGRAM DURING THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON PROVIDED THAT LECTURERS WILL TEACH AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FULL ACADEMIC TERMS (ACADEMIC YEAR, SEMESTER OR QUARTER) EXCEPT IN CASES IN WHICH THE LECTURER IS OF EXCEPTIONAL DISTINCTION, IN WHICH CASES SHORTER PERIODS MAY BE CONSIDERED. WE WOULD NOT CONSIDER THAT HALE OR DATKO FALL IN CATEGORY OF "EXCEPTIONAL DISTINCTION" AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE PLACED FOR A FULL ACADEMIC PERIOD.

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2. DEPT REQUESTS THEREFORE THAT THE EMBASSY BRING TO MHE'S

ATTENTION THIS NEW LANGUAGE AND ASK THAT THESE ACCEPTANCES BE REWRITTEN FOR A FULL ACADEMIC PERIOD. EMBASSY SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT "EXCEPTIONAL DISTINCTION" MEANS EXACTLY THAT, AND IS A CATEGORY WHICH WILL RARELY BE USED.

3. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, DATKO AND HALE ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE SHORTER TERMS PROPOSED BY MHE. HOWEVER, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THIS INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW PROGRAM SHOULD FOLLOW AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE ITS LETTER AND SPIRIT. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, OUR CONCERN OVER SHORTER TERMS STEMS PARTIALLY FROM U.S. UNIVERSITY RELUCTANCE TO PLACE SOVIET LECTURERS FOR ANYTHING LESS THAN A FULL ACADEMIC PERIOD. IF WE ALLOW MHE TO PLACE U.S. LECTURERS FOR SHORTER PERIODS, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO INSIST THAT SOVIET LECTURERS COME FOR THE LONGER TERMS PRESCRIBED BY THE NEW PROGRAM LANGUAGE.

4. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE LARGER REASONS FOR HAVING A LECTURER EXCHANGE ARE POORLY SERVED BY SUCH SHORT TERM PLACEMENTS. U.S. LECTURERS, MOST OF WHOM DO NOT HAVE RUSSIAN, ARE ABLE TO PUT DOWN ONLY VERY SHALLOW ROOTS IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS. IMPACT OF THEIR STAYS GREATLY INCREASES AS THE STAY IS EXTENDED.

5. DEPT ASSUMES EMBASSY SHARES THIS OPINION, BUT WELCOMES EMBASSY COMMENTS IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

6. LECTURERS LAROSA, NOGGLE AND SPAULDING ACCEPT AFFILIATIONS AS DESCRIBED REF A.

7. TRACHTENBERG ADVISED THAT HE WILL HAVE TO GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO AFFILIATION AT LENINGRAD SINCE HE APPLIED FOR PLACEMENT AT MGU AND NOT LENINGRAD. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF HIS DECISION AS SOON AS IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

8. NEITHER DANIEL HOFFMAN NOR LOUIS LEARY IS AVAILABLE. CIES UNABLE CONTACT JOHN MC CAULER AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

9. SEPTEL RE ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS FOLLOWS. KISSINGER

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